



SEXUAL OFFENDER TREATMENT PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 14, 2004

PLACE: Department of Health
310 Israel Road SE, Conference Rm 153
Tumwater, Washington 98504

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Deborah Doane
Victoria Foedisch
Ione S. George
Bruce Harris
Jan Horning
Jack Sowers
Judge Gary Tabor
Lang Taylor
Roger Wolfe

STAFF: Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director
Peter Harris, Staff Attorney
Traci Black, Program Manager
Kitty Slater, Program Manager
Hyon Yi, Staff Support

PUBLIC MEMBER: Victoria Roberts, Department of Corrections

CALL TO ORDER

Lang Taylor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as presented. The March 8, 2004 minutes were approved as presented.

A motion was passed to begin meetings at 9:00 am.

Disciplinary/Licensing Report

Kitty Slater, Program Manager shared the following statistics: (As of June 10, 2004)

Complaint/Disciplinary Statistics:

Open Cases	3
Intake/Assessment	1
Investigation	0
Case Disposition	2

License Statistics:

Full Certification Sex Offender Treatment Providers:

- Active-106
- Inactive-3
- Expired-33

Affiliate Sex Offender Treatment Providers:

- Active-50
- Inactive-0
- Expired-81

Totals for Both Certifications

- Active-156
- Inactive-3
- Expired-114
- Candidate-36

Jan Horning discussed with the Committee the decline in number of Sex Offender Treatment Providers in comparison to the number of sex offenders that are seeking treatment. Program staff will research the possibility of obtaining statistical analysis reports on the number of Sex Offender Treatment Providers for the past years.

Program Report

Budget- Kitty Slater, Program Manager, presented the April 2004 budget report for the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Program. The SOTP Program is maintaining a budget that continues to remain close to the same as the biennial allotment. There were a few areas overspent such as Investigative Services Unit (ISU) and legal services. Kitty Slater, Program Manager explained that this is due to an ongoing disciplinary case that has required extensive use of ISU and legal services.

The over expenditure areas in the budget prompted the committee to have questions regarding cost recovery and fines in disciplinary cases. Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director explained that state law establishes the maximum fine per violation that can be imposed in cases where charges are filed. Recovery of costs is allowed when cases are resolved without formal charges through a stipulation to informal disposition.

A motion was passed that Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director request that the Department of Health propose legislation that would allow for cost recovery per violation in the Statement of Charges. The request would also include the request to increase the amount of fine per violation.

Newsletter- Kitty Slater, Program Manager, shared with the Committee the last newsletter that was published in Fall of 2002. This was in hope that articles will be submitted for a Fall 2004 newsletter. The deadline for Committee Members to turn articles into Kitty is set for the end of July.

Exam- Kitty Slater, Program Manager, reported that Program staff has exhausted all options in the research and development of resources to provide assistance in creating questions and providing guidance in creating a new, more current, SOTP exam. Lang Taylor, Committee Member, agreed to contact WATSA for information regarding a telecourse exam he had heard WATSA was involved with. Bruce Harris, Committee Member, suggested that we contact Gerald Hover, Clinical Supervisor for the Community Risk Management Specialists for possible involvement and guidance for further research and development in the area of creating questions for the exam.

DOC Legislation Update

Victoria Roberts, guest speaker representing the Department of Corrections (DOC), discussed with the Committee HB2400, relating to sentencing guideline enhancement for sex crimes against minors. Victoria reported that HB2400 will become effective as of July 1, 2005 and discussed the changes to the bill as it relates to SSOSA and SSODA providers.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Future Meetings

A special Rules Advisory committee meeting is scheduled for either July 26, 2004 or August 9, 2004 in Tumwater.

The next regularly scheduled committee meeting is set for September 13, 2004 in Kent.

Other Issues

- Jan Horning, Committee Member, suggested the agenda for the next meeting include a discussion on the disciplinary process as it relates to ethics and standards.
- Lang Taylor, Committee Member, suggested the agenda for the next meeting include reviewing the role of the Committee at the next meeting.
- Kitty Slater, Program Manager, reported that the first step in the rules process has been completed. There are three packages of rules. Two packages contain controversial rules that need to be amended to reflect the 2004 legislation. The other package contains rules that require only minor changes or deletions. Controversial rules tend to take more time to adopt.
- The committee requested sending a member to attend the October 27-30, 2004 ATSA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Committee members need to submit their names and we will determine who will attend by picking a name out of a hat at the next committee meeting.
- Program staff has agreed to contact Tom McBride, Suzanne Brown-McBride, Victoria Roberts, and Richard Packard for their involvement in the next SOTP Rules Advisory Committee Meeting.

Review of meeting

Hyon Yi, Staff Support reviewed the major points of the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Kitty Slater, Program Manager

Lang Taylor, Chair